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COMPONENTS FOR BLENDING OF  
TRANSPORTATION FUELS

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In conformance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the following art which was cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application, PCT/US02/17154, filed May 31, 2002. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider this art and make it of record in this application.

US 3,996,128

A copy of this reference is enclosed. The cited reference is also listed on a United States Patent and Trademark form PTO-1449 which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

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